IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking costs incurred by an entity comprising a plurality of groups, the method comprising:

receiving billing information associated with consumption of computer-related hardware processing resources from a provider, the billing information including a plurality of computer-related hardware processing jobs executed by the provider for the entity and a corresponding plurality of ~~job~~ unique identifiers;

reading a business model file comprising at least one business dimension within the entity, the at least one business dimension including:

organizational information including a list of a plurality of groups within the entity, and

application profile~~s that associate~~ information including associations of one or more computer-related hardware processing tasks that utilize one or more of the plurality of computer-related hardware processing jobs, ~~capable of being~~ executed by the provider[[,]] to each group and to ~~a corresponding~~ one or more of the unique [[task]] identifiers; and

allocating the billing information by the at least one business dimension including matching each of the plurality of [[job]] unique identifiers to ~~the one or more unique task identifiers~~ one or more of the computer related hardware processing tasks performed by each group.

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2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one business dimension further comprises at least one of a business process and an associated business performance metric.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein the allocating step further comprises determining a total cost incurred by at least one of the plurality of groups.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the reading step further comprises:

determining an internal structure of the entity, including the plurality of groups within the entity;

determining a billing detail of the plurality of groups within the entity;

determining a value driver of the entity; and

determining an application profile of the entity.